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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed thirty days or fewer from the communication from a foreign patent office and, therefore, a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 8 1.704(d) is also attached.

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